

## WHY COLUMBIA COUNTY HOLDS A COUNTY FAIR

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venture the assertion that during the time prior to the adoption of systematic methods of road building Columbia county wasted money and energy sufficient to construct a strictly modern highway the entire distance from the ocean to the metropolis. And the beginning for better and permanent highways is only in the embryo.

### Big Outlay for Roads.

During the next ten years this county will expend over two million dollars for highways. The germ is in the air. People want them and the times demand them. This cannot be gainsaid. All sorts of arguments may be made against expending so much money. But take this—highways are coming, and a safe position to be taken now is on the front seat in the band wagon. Get up high or you'll be lost in the scramble for prominence as advocate premier of good highways. These are an expensive adjunct to comfort and commerce, but civilization in its onward march will be content with nothing short of the best. Future years will work wonders in highway construction. It can no longer be said with any degree of hope of corroboration that present-day demand for such expensive highways comes alone from automobile clubs and similar fastidiously inclined organizations. There are half a hundred farmers in this county who own and make daily use of autos in the every-day pursuit of their business. Are they members of an auto club? No! And they would resent such an inference. Are they good roads advocates? Assuredly yes. Ask them why. Their reply would probably be that in this day and age it is physically impossible to keep step in the march of progress without the use of the auto.

### Demand Comes From All Quarters.

The user of the one-horse chaise, the farmer with his hay-racked wagon are all singing the same popular song of good roads. Such a tide cannot be stemmed. A little later on what heretofore has seemed the height of folly to construct such an expensive road as Columbia Highway will have been proved to be a decidedly good investment. Through the existence of this splendid trunk line laterals will radiate to the interior of the county at frequent intervals. Then the benefits will become immediately realized.

### Rapid Development Will Follow.

Land development and consequent increased producing power of the soil will follow rapidly. More land development, more dairy produce, greater earning power, greater prosperity, greater demand for the most modern means of rapidly transporting the products to the markets. Easy enough to understand why highways are here and more coming.

### Transportation Aids Development.

Just pause long enough to make a little mental observation and you will note that the settlement and improvement of Columbia county has been nearest the best means of transportation. All such things proceed along the lines of the least resistance.

Thus is added another reason for holding an annual fair in

Columbia county. By so doing we are but keeping step with the regiment.

### Institutions of Learning.

Columbia county expends approximately \$100,000 annually for educational purposes. There are 4000 persons of school age here, and last year there were 105 instructors employed in the fifty-seven schools in the fifty-three districts of the county. Thus, it can readily be understood that facilities for obtaining educational advantages are pretty well provided.

Each year at the county fair there are displays made of school work, and this year there will be a special building for that purpose.



THE COLUMBIA COUNTY COURT HOUSE

pose. This is one of the very attractive features of the fair. An institution that costs the taxpayers of the county \$100,000 per annum to maintain is an institution to invite your closest attention.

And herein lies another reason for holding a county fair.

At some of the centers of greatest population in the county

there are splendid provisions made for educational endeavor. St. Helens has the only High School. However, at Rainier, Clatskanie, Scappoose and Warren extraordinary modernized facilities obtain for educational pursuits, and at these places especially pleasing results are had annually.

### Other Institutions.

It would not be justice to our civilization to presume that in a land possessed of all of God's and man's endowments there should not be abundant provision for religious worship and spiritual training. This county is abundantly provided in this respect, and as a rule, God's houses are liberally patronized.

### Water and Health.

Peculiarly tempered are the winds of winter in this county. Thus, as a natural all-the-year health resort we boastfully cast out our challenge to the universe. Mountain air, sea breezes and pure water are assets of unfathomed wealth. Climate is perfect, and here, surely, the winds are tempered to the shorn lamb.

These are elements which make for the grandness of our county, and constitute in large part some of the reasons for the sturdy manhood so common here—the kind of men who develop the resources of the county and make it not only possible but imperative that a county fair be held.

### Centers of Population.

There are several modern little cities in Columbia county. Rainier, Clatskanie and St. Helens have each assumed metropolitan proportions. All the conveniences of large cities are found in these places. They are profitable trading marts for their surrounding country, and offer educational, social and business opportunities equal to any part of the United States. These are some of the reasons why we hold a county fair at St. Helens, the county seat. The several other smaller, yet splendid little villages of the county—Scappoose, Goble, Deer Island, Mist, Yankton and Vernonia—are made up of many thriving business institutions, happy homes and contented people, all of whom are cordially invited to join in the three-day celebration of the gathering together of the results of nature's bounteous harvest among us.

### Premiums.

The fair management is enabled this year to expend over \$1500 in cash prizes, besides other awards for displays. These cover a varying degree, and many of the premiums offered are valuable.

### Men Who Do Things.

The success of previous county fairs here has been due to the efforts of a few individuals. Mr. G. L. Tarbell of Yankton, president of the fair, is an indefatigable worker. He has had capable lieutenants, but the burden has fallen largely upon his shoulders. He is a fair type of man who brings success to such undertakings. With him it is a case of love's labor, and his only reward is in the satisfaction of having his co-workers and satisfied populace proclaim to the breezes: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

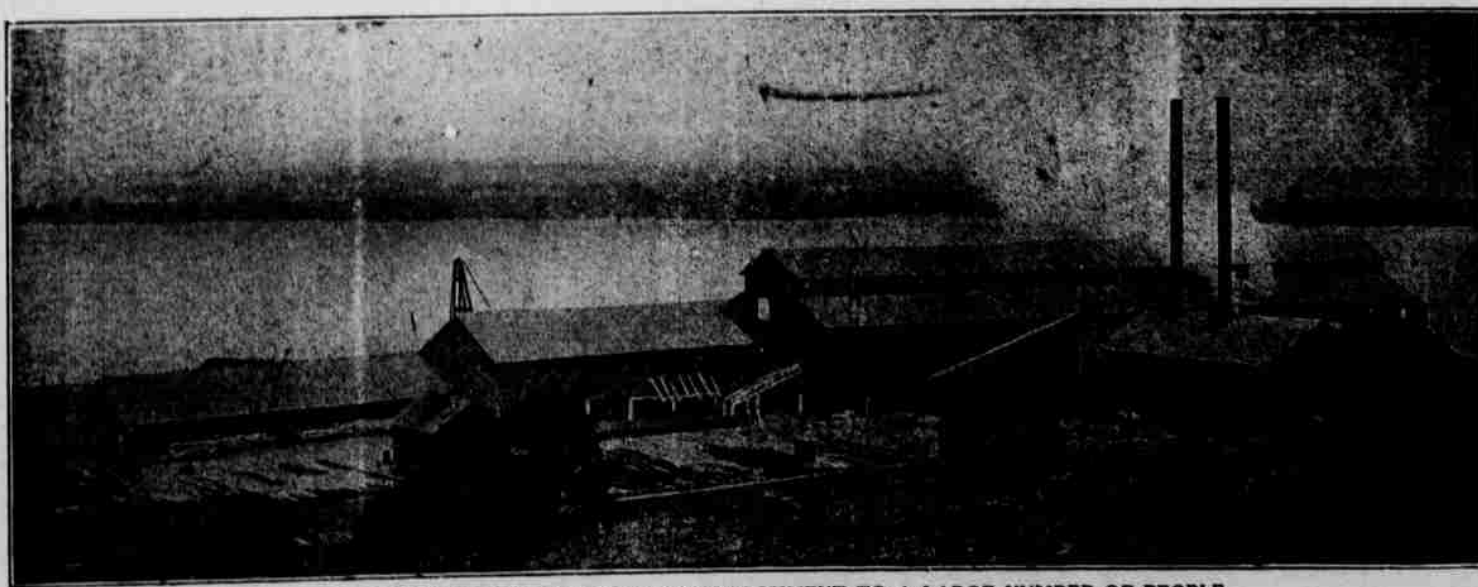
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